

## Message Text

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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: AFSP EIND  
SUBJ: COMMERCIAL TASK FORCE

REF: STATE 306110

1. I RECOGNIZE THE DEPT'S DESIRE TO HAVE THE  
COMMERCIAL TASK FORCE EVALUATED. WE WILL BE  
PROVIDING THE EVALUATION REQUESTED BY REFTEL AND  
STATE 209962 IN DUE COURSE.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SURPRISE  
AT THE REFERENCE IN REFTEL TO THE "SUDDEN CHANGE  
IN STAFFING REQUIREMENTS". THERE IS NOTHING NEW  
OR SUDDEN ABOUT THE PROPOSALS WE MADE. THEY WERE  
MADE IN LAST YEAR'S PARM AND WERE REPEATED TWICE  
IN MAN-POWER SURVEYS REQUESTED BY M. THEY WERE  
DISCUSSED WITH MESSRS. GARNETZ AND ZUCCA IN NOVEMBER.  
THEY SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE.

3. IN A NUTSHELL, THE PERMANENT STAFFING WE  
HAVE RECOMMENDED IS WHAT WE BELIEVE WE NEED ON  
A PERMANENT BASIS TO DO THE COMMERCIAL WORK AT  
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THIS POST. THE TEMPORARY TASK FORCE WAS A  
BUREAUCRATIC DEVICE TO MEET THE NEED FOR ADDI-  
TIONAL MANPOWER QUICKLY IN THE FACE OF THE INABILITY  
TO RAISE PERMANENT CEILINGS. THERE IS NO PAR-  
TICULAR MAGIC OR ADVANTAGE IN THE CONCEPT OF A  
"TASK FORCE" ITSELF, AND IF THERE WASEVER ANY  
ASSUMPTION THAT THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL POWER

WAS A PASSING THING IT SHOULD BE CLEAR NOW THAT  
THE ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS ARE FOR CONTINUED HEAVY  
ACTIVITY AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. WE BELIEVE IT LOGICAL TO EXPAND THE PERMANENT  
CEILING TO EMBRACE THE ADDITIONAL MANPOWER WE  
BELEIEVE WE NEED (TWO AMERICAN AND TWO LOCAL POSITIONS).  
BUT IF THAT IS TOO DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH, AND IF  
THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET THE PEOPLE WE NEED TO  
DO THE JOB WE HAVE TO DO IS TO CONTINUE THE TASK  
FORCE THAT IS FINE WITH US. IT WAS ON THAT ASSUMPTION  
IN FACT THAT WE RECOMMENDED AN EXTENTION OF THE  
TASK FORCE (CARACAS 7001). IT WAS BECAUSE OF  
MR ZUCCA'S ORAL INVITIATION LAST NOVEMBER TO RECORD  
OUR VIEWS ON PERMANENT STAFFING THAT WE RESURRECTED  
OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON PERMANENT STAFFING (CARACAS 11476).

5. FINALLY, I SHOULD NOTE RE LAST PARA REFTTEL  
THAT CARACAS 11476 MEANT TO AMEND OUR  
PREVIOUS PARM PROPOSAL TO SUGGEST NOT RPT  
NOT A PERMANENT POSITION IN MARACAIBO BUT A  
"CIRCUIT RIDER" OPERATING OUT OF CARACAS.  
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